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Right Honourable Joe Clark
Secretary of State for External Affairs
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Dear Mr. Clark:

I am writing to you concerning the agreement between the Governments of Indonesia and Australia for exploration of natural resources on the continental shelf between East Timor and Australia, the so-called "Timor Gap".

Many people are concerned about this agreement, as the United Nations does not recognize Indonesia as having jurisdiction over East Timor. This agreement, I believe, is a flagrant violation of International law. Therefore, I am asking you to instruct the Canadian delegation at the United Nations Human Rights Commission hearings to either sponsor or support a resolution condemning this agreement and supporting the actions of the recognized administering power, namely Portugal. As well, I would appreciate it if you could provide me with a full report of this issue from the Canadian delegation's perspective at the hearings.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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